



Advanced Distributed Learning

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Magnitude of Education & Training in DoD

- Addresses the needs of 2.5 million military personnel, DoD civilians, and their dependents
- Includes approximately 30,000 military training courses
- Costs about \$17 billion annually to operate and maintain military schools
- Involves career-long learning: recruit, basic, advanced, professional development, and education
- Encompasses a broad range of technical and decision making skills for both individuals and teams

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ADL Co-Laboratories

An open collaborative environment for sharing learning technology research, development, and assessments. The Co-Lab goals are to:

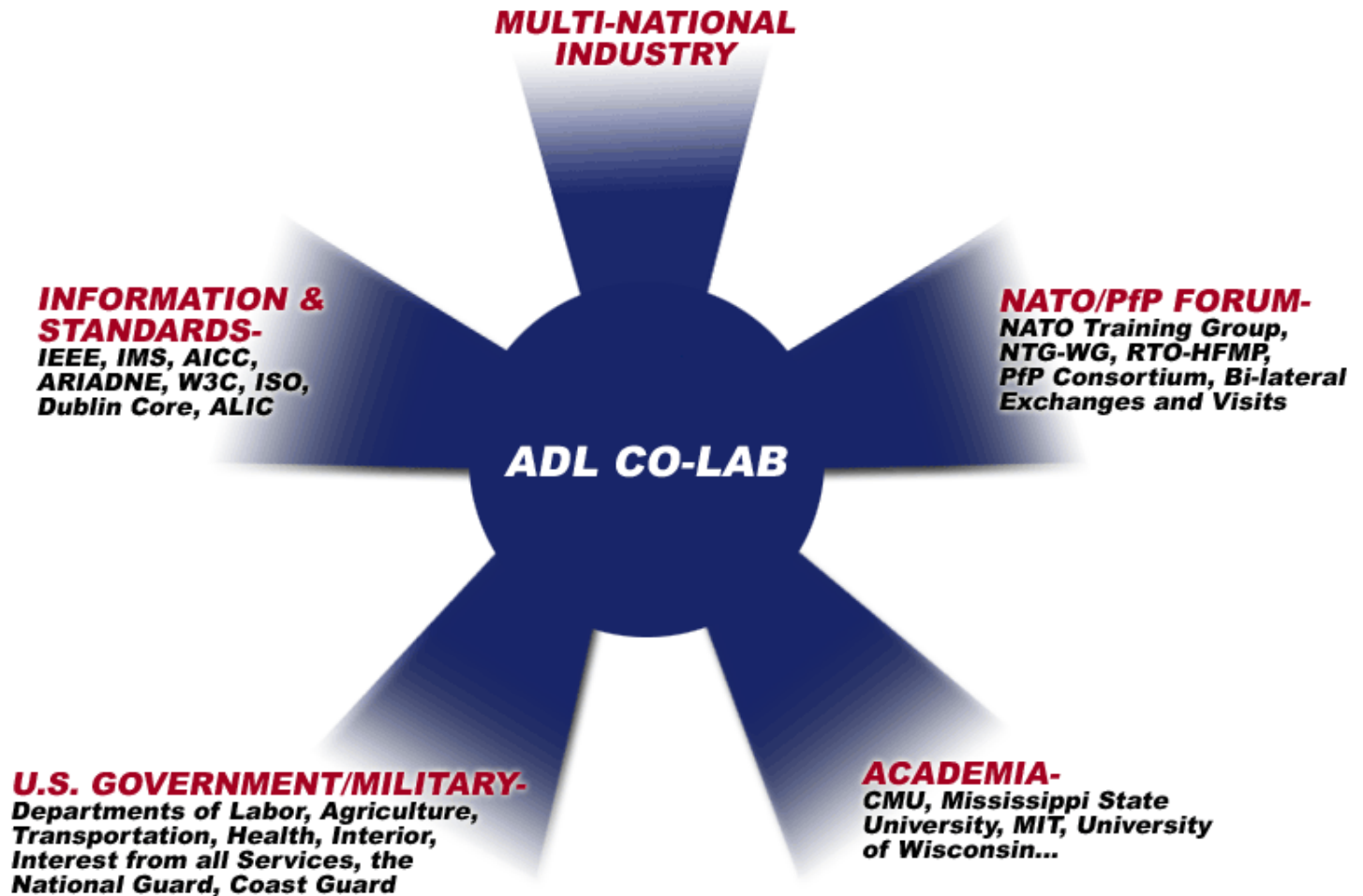
- Develop and refine the SCORM
- Assess ADL tools and prototypes
- Facilitate collaborative resource sharing
- Collect and disseminate data and lessons learned
- Conduct tutorials and demonstrations
- Support and advise federal, state, and local agencies, and private-sector partners

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ADL Communities

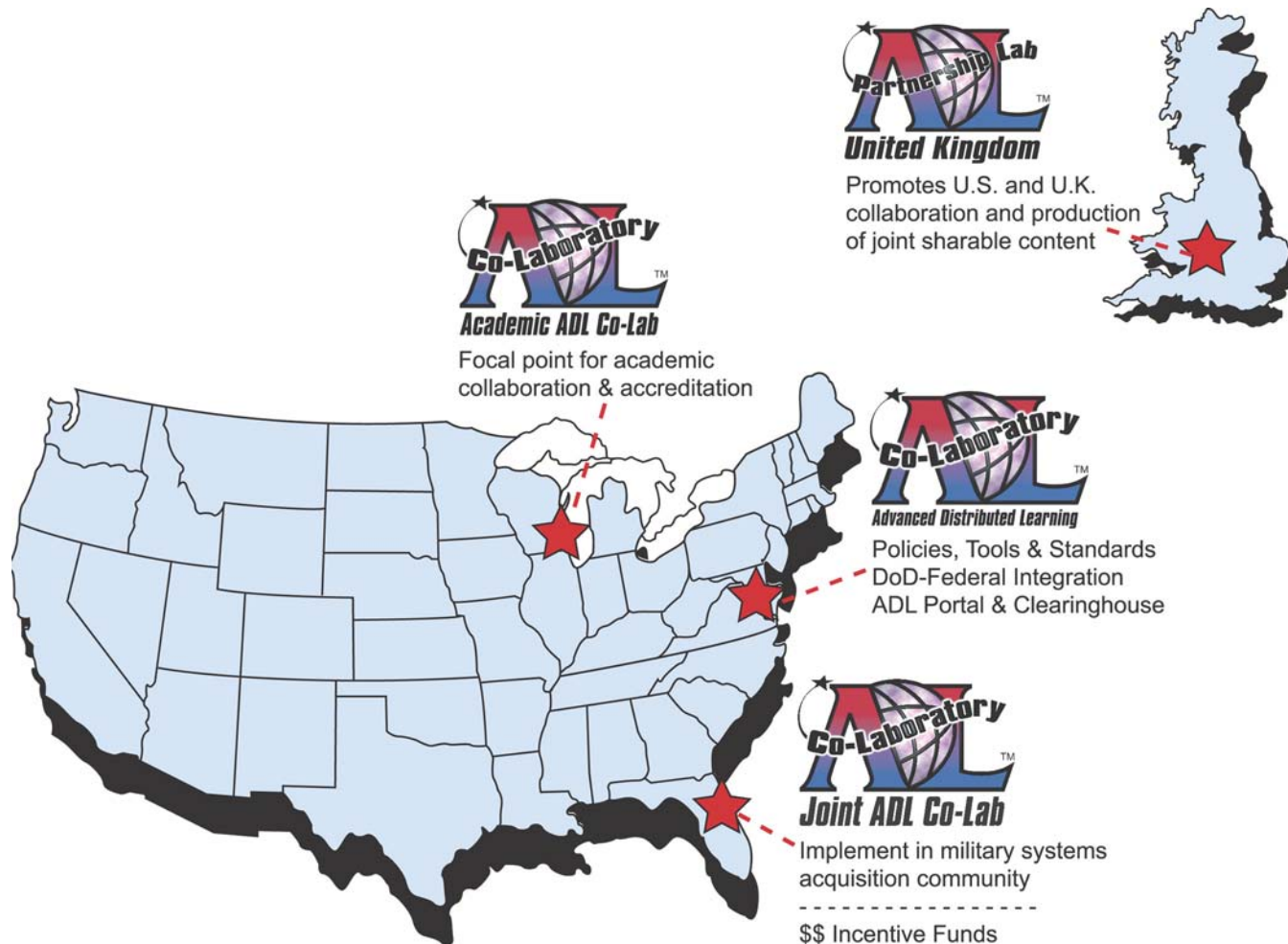


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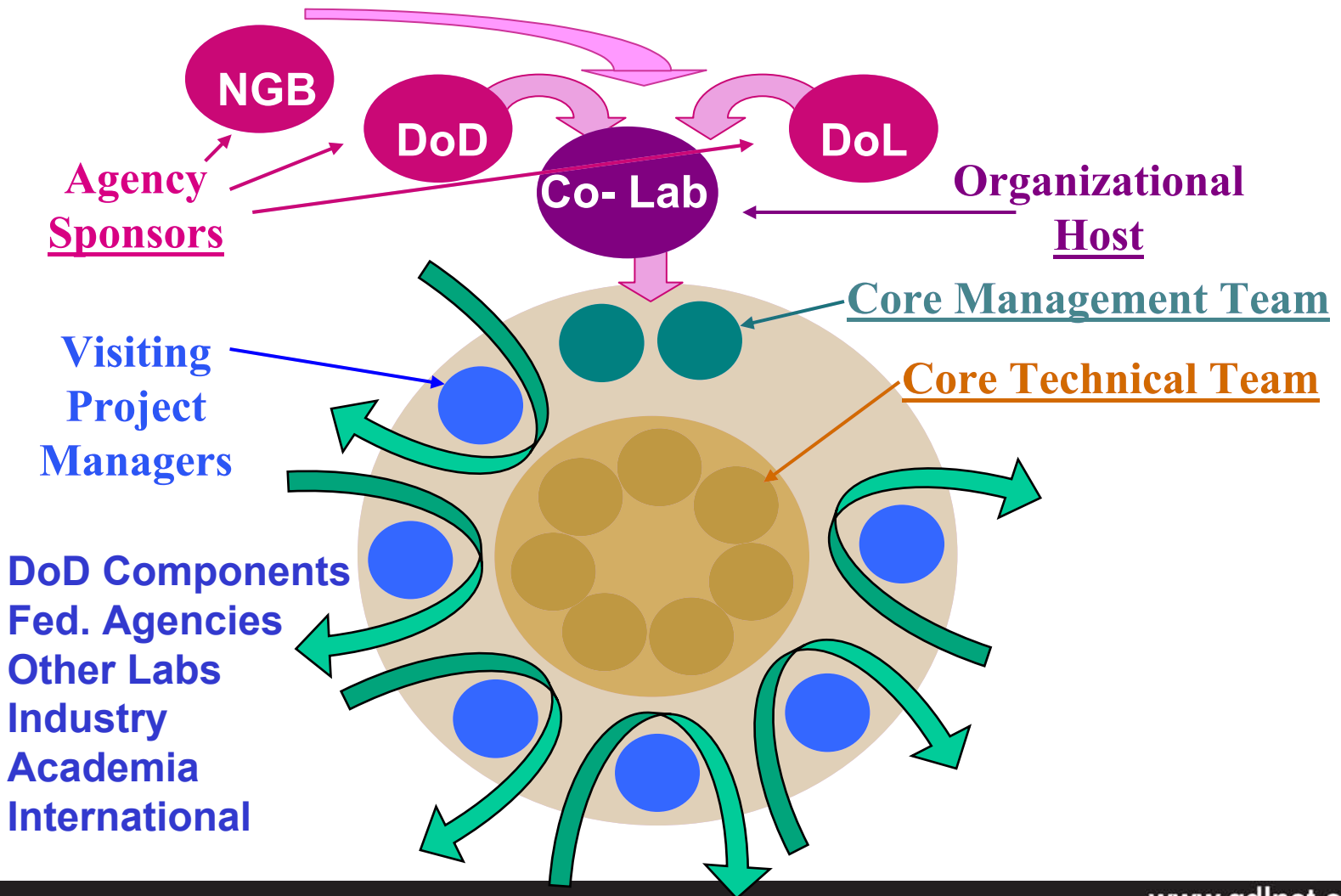
ADL Co-Labs and Partnership Lab



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Collaborative Process



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Government Organizations working with ADL

- **Employment and Training Administration (ETA-DoL)**
- **Office of Policy (DoL)**
- **Mine Safety Health Agency (MSHA-DoL)**
- **National Guard Bureau (NGB)**
- **Center for Disease Control (CDC)**
- **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**
- **United States Postal Service (USPS)**
- **National Aeronautic Space Agency (NASA)**
- **Department of Agriculture, Graduate School**
- **Department of Justice (DoJ)**
- **Department of Education (DoEd)**
- **Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management**
- **Department of Treasury, Office of the Comptroller Currency**
- **Veterans Administration (VA)**

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Collaboration on the Development of Technical Learning Standards

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Web-based Learning Content Issues

- What problems are we are trying to solve?
- Can't move a web-based course from one Learning Management System (server) to another
- Can't reuse web-based content pieces (objects) across different LMS systems
- Can't create searchable learning content libraries or media repositories across different LMS environments

(among others...)

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ADL's Role

- Distributed web-based learning lacked a common architecture and was not interoperable
- Since industry and consortia weren't converging, ADL took a leadership role:
- Building consensus among users, developers and industry
- Acting as a catalyst to bring together key players
- Forging alliances in strategic technical areas
- Accelerating the pace of technology adoption for learning anytime, anywhere
 - “enlightened self-interest” at work

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SCORM™

Sharable Content Object Reference Model

A software model that defines the interrelationship of course components, data models, and protocols such that content “objects” are sharable across systems that conform with the same model.

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What SCORM Is

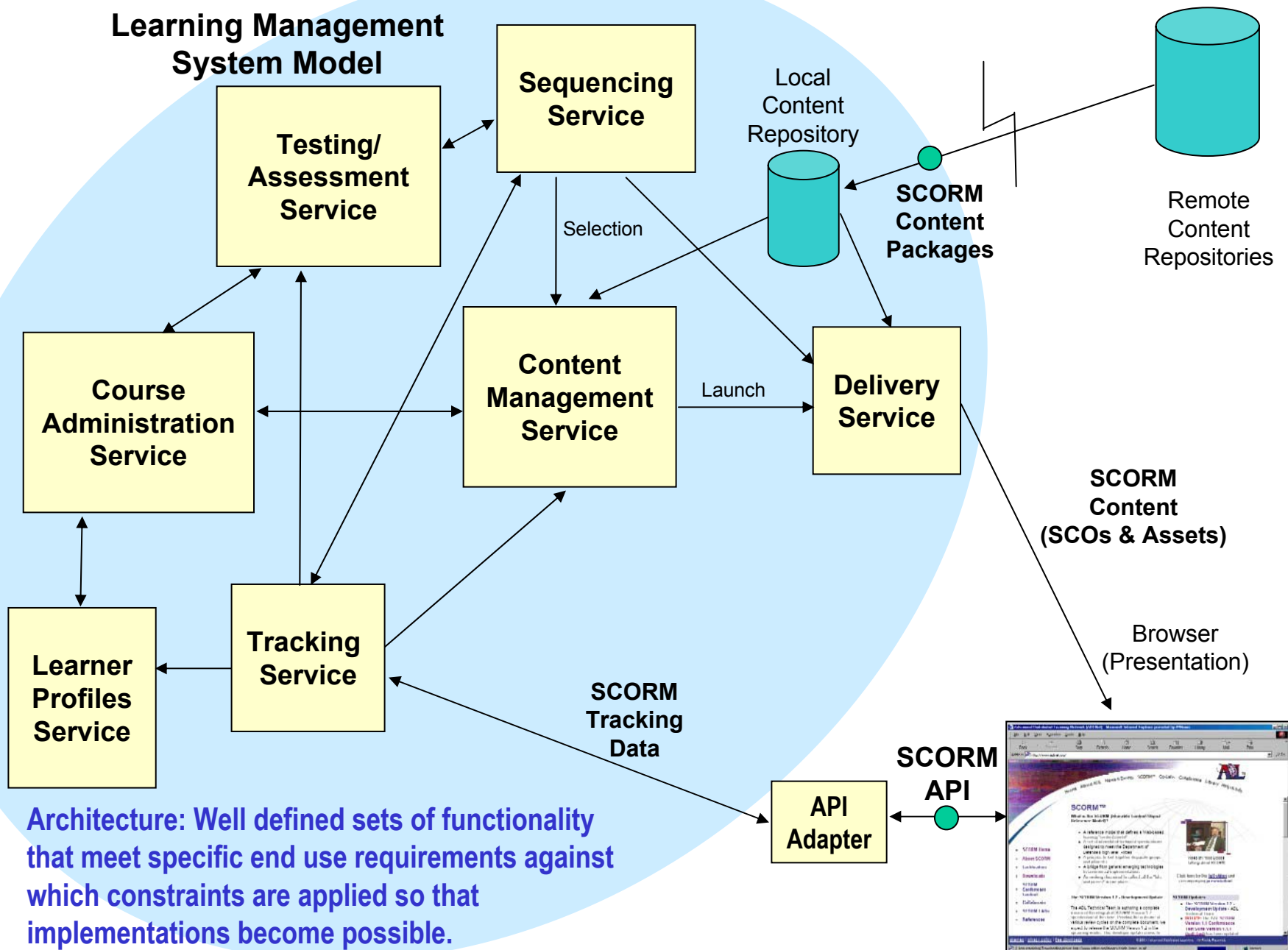
SCORM = “Sharable Content Object Reference Model”

- A Reference Model that defines how to implement distributed learning systems in a common way
- A set of specifications developed with industry and combined into a set of ADL “Best Practices” that enable:
 - Sharable, reusable, searchable learning content
 - Directed, “adaptive” learning experiences
- A means to provide for conformance testing and uniform implementation by industry
- An ongoing consensus process with industry and academia
- An accelerator of uniform practice

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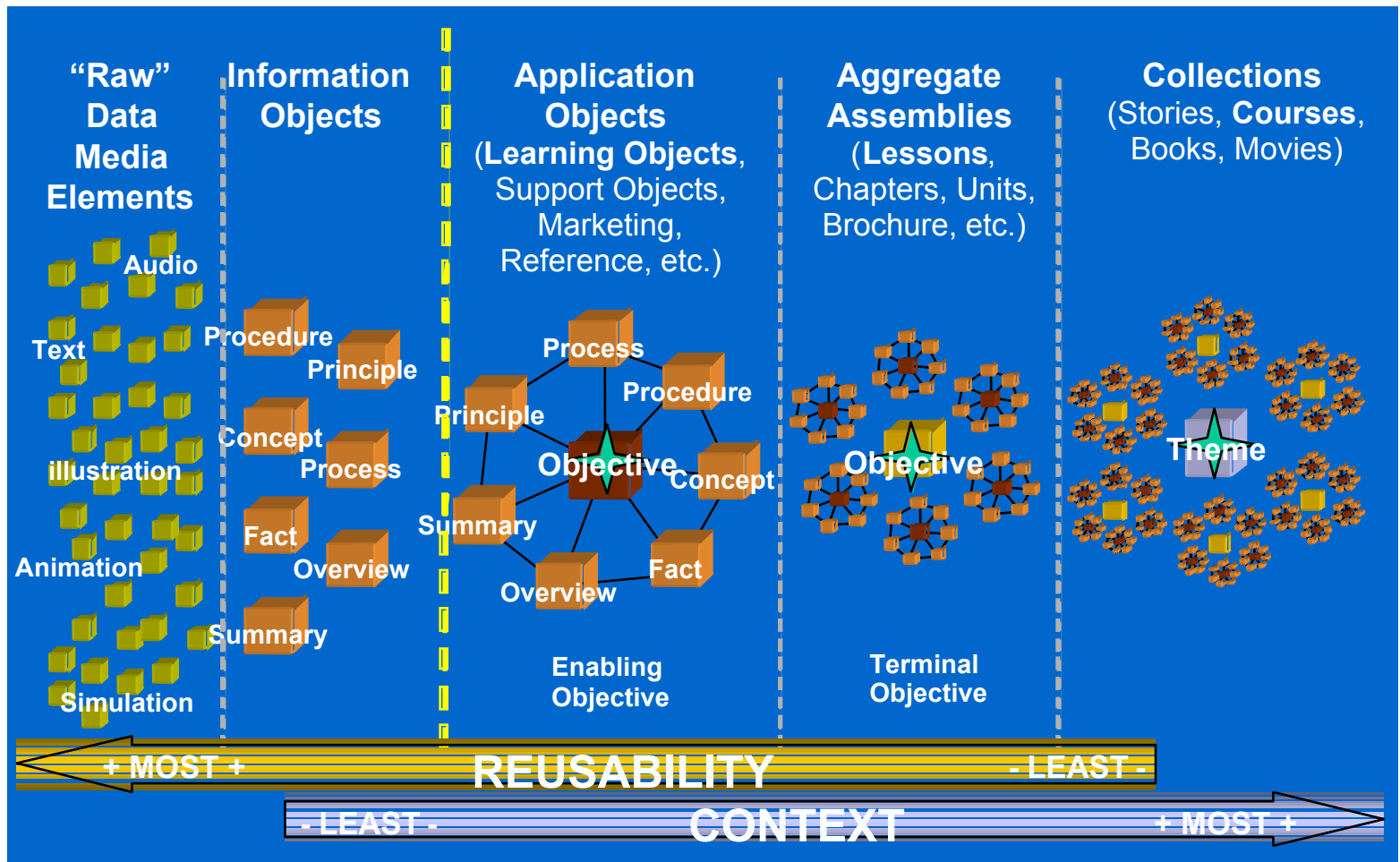
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Generalized Learning Management System Model





Reusable Learning Objects

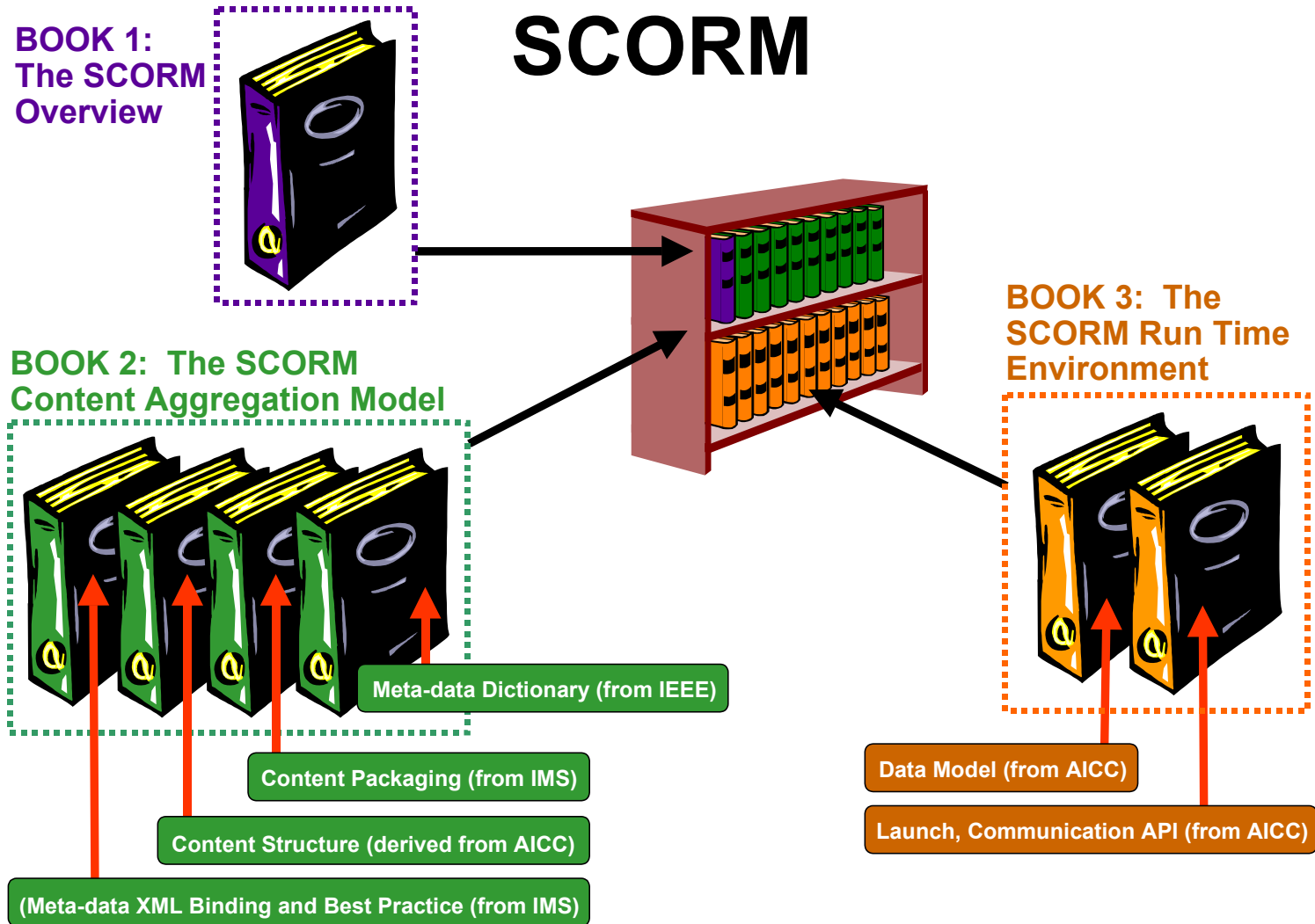


Source: Autodesk

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SCORM 1.3

- SCORM 1.3 is enabling capabilities that haven't been standardized before
- First industry agreed-to XML representation for sequencing learning objects
 - Rule-based (“if mastered then skip next”)
- Current Architecture constraints:
 - Distributed (web) delivery in a browser
 - Content must be movable/reusable (objects)
 - Instructional Design strategies are “exposed” (open)
 - Learner is tracked; results affect learning experience



Five Year Progress Report

1998 Conditions	2003 Conditions
No interoperable eLearning content standards	SCORM 1.2, tested and with conformance test software; 1.3 Sample RTE Version 1.3 Beta-2
No standards group agreement (AICC, IEEE, IMS, ARIADNE, etc).	ADL brokered agreement on process and flow among all groups
No industry consensus	Strong SCORM support by industry (e.g., Plugfest 7)
Concern and suspicion about ADL Initiative and DoD motives	Support for ADL leadership and SCORM process in particular
No advanced work on next generation architectures	ADL Funded/supported key research at CMU; now harmonizing with MIT OKI work
ADL's role unclear to many	ADL viewed as "key" accelerator/catalyst

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AICC + IEEE + IMS + ADL = SCORM

Many, many long technical meetings

IEEE Meetings

Late 1999

Partial list of participants:

Microsoft

Sun

Boeing

Oracle

Cisco

IBM

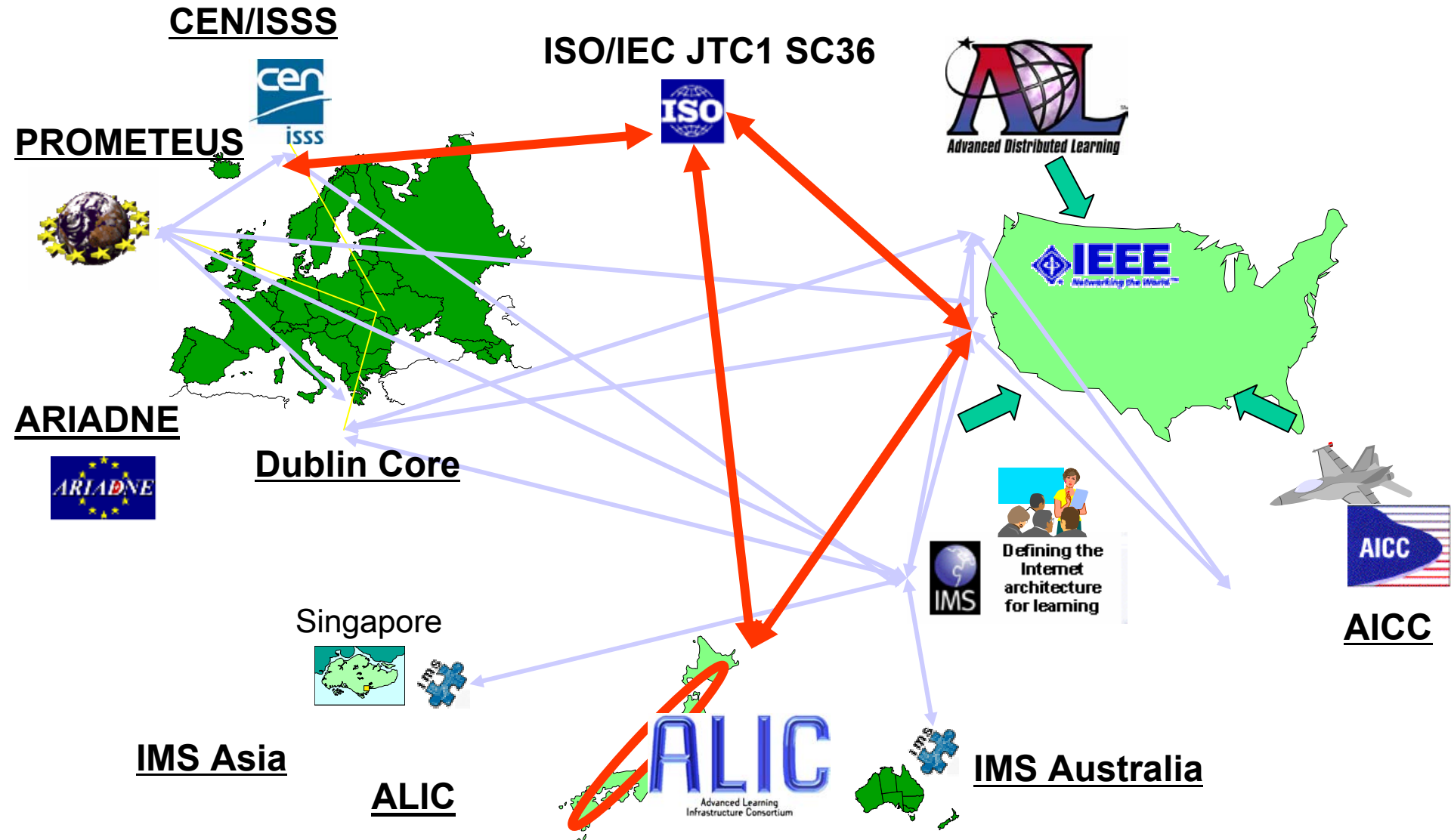


*Click2Learn, Atilar, Pathlore,
Saba, NETg, SmartForce,
Centra, Thinq, Macromedia,
and many more...*

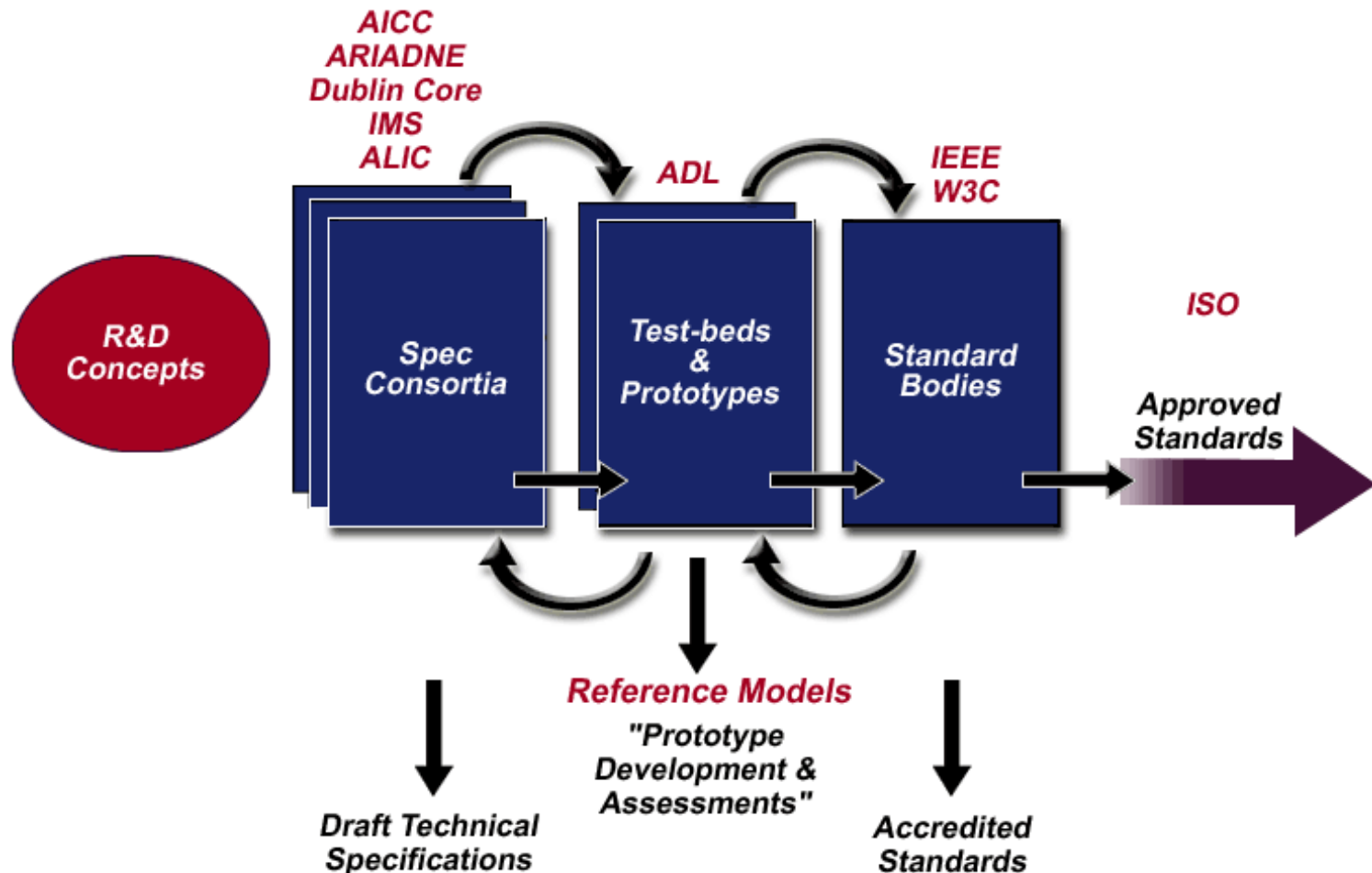
*IMS Meetings
Early 2000*



Resulting in a World Wide Community for Learning Technology



ADL Model for Standards Evolution



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Importance of SCORM?

	<u>Current LMS</u>	<u>Future LMS</u>
• Army (ATSC/TRADOC)	Click2Learn	? Under study
• Navy (CNET)	THINQ	THINQ
• Air Force	Plateau, Meridian KSI	? Under study
• Marines	Self Developed	THINQ
• DAU	Self Developed (OSS)	Atlas Pro
• USDA Grad School	None	? Under study
• IRS	None	Plateau
• CDC	Self Developed	? Under study
• NDU	Blackboard	Blackboard
• OPM	GeoLearning	GeoLearning

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Plugfest Participants



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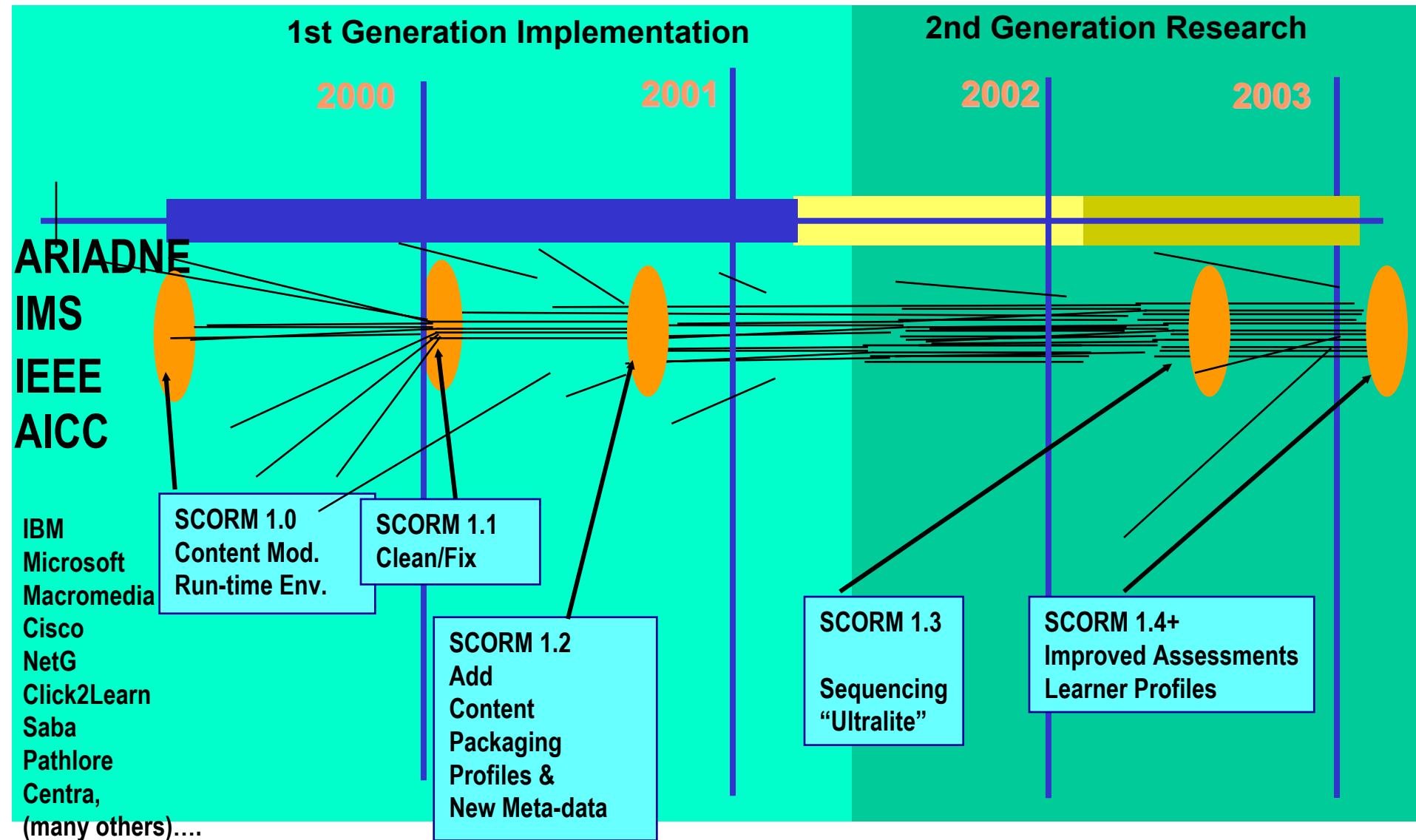
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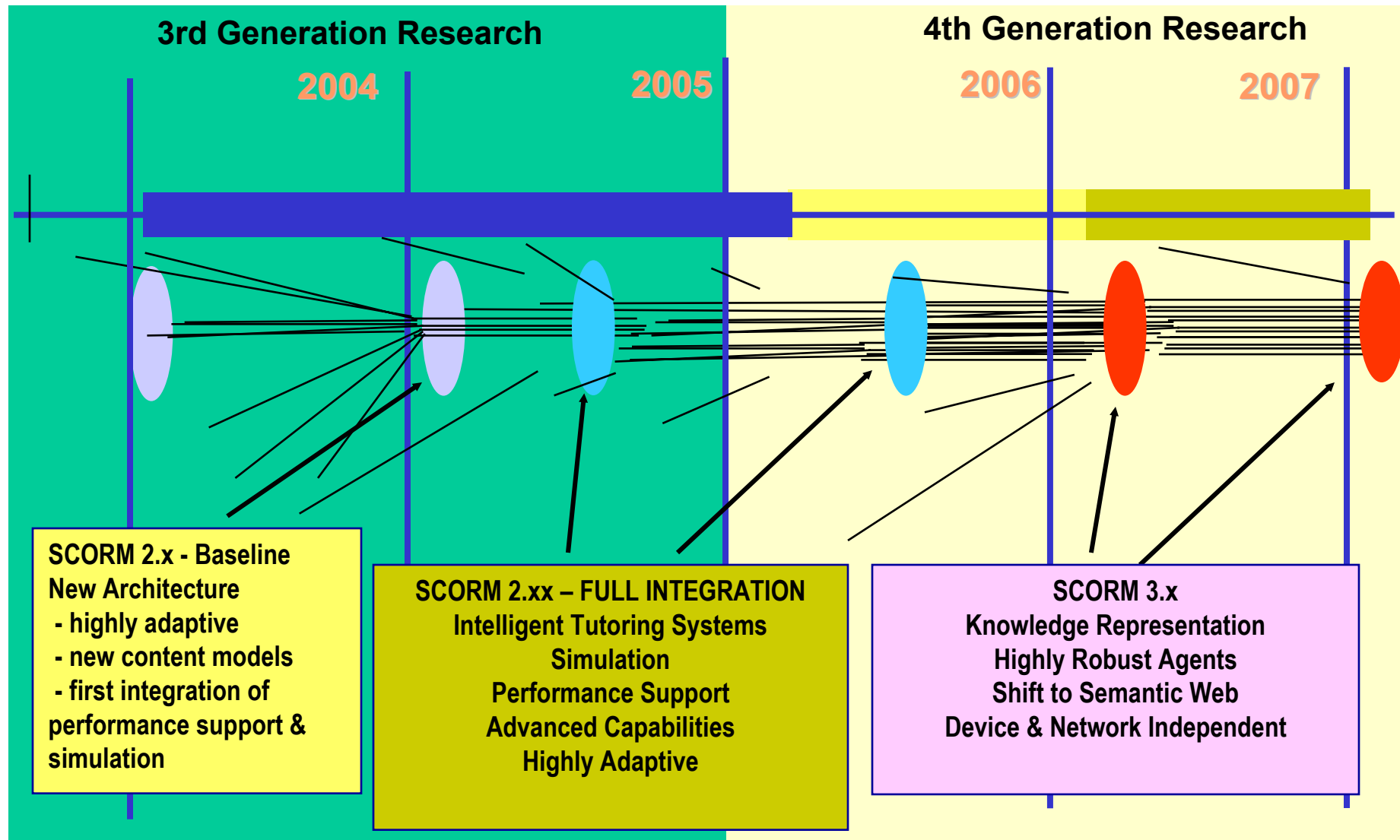
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ADL Future Versions of SCORM



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Additional Resources

- Available at www.adlnet.org
- Conformance Test Suite
- Sample Run-Time Environment
- Example content
- SCORM Adopters

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